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CSREES - National Research Initiative Competitive Grants Program Grant

Document Type:	Grants Notice
Funding Opportunity Number:	USDA-CSREES-NRI-001030
Opportunity Category:	Discretionary
Current Closing Date for Applications:	Applications must be received by the date appropriate to the program area listed at the end of the FY 2008 Request for Applications.
Estimated Total Program Funding:	\$181,000,000
Award Ceiling:	\$1,500,000
Award Floor:	\$5,000
CFDA Number:	10.206 -- Grants for Agricultural Research Competitive Research Grants
Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement:	Yes

### Eligible Applicants:

State governments  
City or township governments  
Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education  
County governments  
Nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education  
Individuals  
Public and State controlled institutions of higher education  
Small businesses  
Native American tribal organizations (other than Federally recognized tribal governments)  
Others (see text field entitled "Additional Information on Eligibility" for clarification)  
For profit organizations other than small businesses  
Private institutions of higher education

### Additional Information on Eligibility:

For research applications: Federal agencies, national laboratories, other research institutions and organizations, private organizations or corporations. For integrated applications: research foundations maintained by colleges and universities, private research organizations with established and demonstrated capacities to perform research or technology transfer, Federal research agencies, national laboratories. IMPORTANT! See RFA for specific eligibility requirements.

Description:

The National Research Initiative (NRI) Competitive Grants Program supports research, education, and extension projects that address key problems of National, regional, and multi-state importance in sustaining all components of agriculture (farming, ranching, forestry, aquaculture, rural communities, human nutrition, processing, etc.). Emerging agricultural issues of national concern, including food safety, honey bee colony collapse disorder (CCD), and sustainable alternative energy resources, drives NRI programs to advance scientific discoveries. Providing this support requires that NRI advance fundamental sciences in support of agriculture and coordinate opportunities to build on these discoveries. Building on these discoveries will necessitate new efforts in education and extension that deliver science-based knowledge to people, allowing them to make informed practical decisions. In FY 2008, the NRI will accept applications for fundamental research, mission-linked research, and integrated research, education, and extension projects. Application deadlines vary by program. For additional information, review each program description in the Request for Applications (RFA) for program priorities, funding levels, and application deadlines.

Link to Full Announcement:

[Fiscal Year 2008 - National Research Initiative Competitive Grants Program –](#)

[http://www.csrees.usda.gov/funding/rfas/nri\\_rfa.html](http://www.csrees.usda.gov/funding/rfas/nri_rfa.html)

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&oppld=15487>

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Food and Nutrition Service

Last week the U.S. Department of Agriculture celebrated the 30th Anniversary of the Food Stamp Act of 1977. Each month the Food Stamp Program provides 26 million low-income people a vital supplement to a more healthful diet. There are low income people, especially seniors, working people, and legal immigrants, who are eligible for food stamp benefits but do not participate in the program.

In fact, even though there has been an increase in participation three years in a row, the Food Stamp Program still only serves 1 in 6 Americans who are eligible to receive these critical nutrition benefits.

For more information about how your organization can partner with USDA Food and Nutrition Service to strengthen the Food Stamp Program and reach more people in need, please visit <http://www.fns.usda.gov/fsp/>.

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